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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 1 and 7 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

IN THE CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, which utilises antigens expressed by *Candida*.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein the antigen is immobilised on an inert surface, embedded in a gel, or conjugated to a molecule which imparts colour, fluorescence or radioactivity to the antigen.

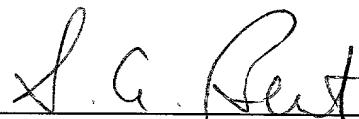
7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the biological sample is selected from the group consisting of bone marrow, plasma, spinal fluid, lymph fluid, the external sections of the skin from respiratory, intestinal, and genitourinary tracts, tears, saliva, milk, blood; both whole blood and sera, blood cells, tumours and organs.

17. (New) A method according to claim 5, wherein the antigen is immobilised on an inert surface, embedded in a gel, or conjugated to a molecule which imparts colour, fluorescence or radioactivity to the antigen.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request that the foregoing amendments to Claims 4, 6 and 7 and new Claim 18 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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4. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, which utilises antigens expressed by *Candida*.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 4 [or claim 5], wherein the antigen is immobilised on an inert surface, embedded in a gel, or conjugated to a molecule which imparts colour, fluorescence or radioactivity to the antigen.

7. (Amended) A method according to any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein the biological sample is selected from the group consisting of bone marrow, plasma, spinal fluid, lymph fluid, the external sections of the skin from respiratory, intestinal, and genitourinary tracts, tears, saliva, milk, blood; both whole blood and sera, blood cells, tumours and organs.